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# The Web

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## Convocation Center Campaign Reaches Benchmark

The current campaign to build a new Convocation Center is over the half-way mark of what is needed to break ground for the new building on campus.

Jerry McGee, campaign director, announced at the board of trustees meeting on January 23 that so far over \$1,510,000 has been pledged. Kickoffs have been held in ten areas, but four large areas yet remain to get into the swing of the campaign. Mecklenburg County, with a goal of

\$700,000 has yet to have its campaign kicked off. Also remaining is Greenville, S.C., with a goal of \$200,000; and Lincoln County, with a goal of \$95,000. Cherokee, S.C., County, with a goal of \$35,000 was kicked off March 6.

Boiling Springs, N.C., exceeded its goal of \$100,000 by over \$21,000.

The largest contribution so far is an anonymous gift of \$115,000, given by "a long-time friend" of the College. In January, Parkdale Mills of Gastonia gave \$30,000 to the Gastonia/Belmont area campaign, and Cone Mills of Rutherford County gave \$30,000 to the East Rutherford campaign. When the campaign was kicked off in Cherryville, a \$33,400 anonymous contribution put that area more than 40 percent toward its goal of \$80,000.

"We are ahead of target in practically all gift areas," commented Jerry

McGee. "But we still need several gifts in the \$200,000 to \$500,000 range. The question remains, who will give the \$750,000 to name the Convocation Center? Who will name the Fine Arts Theater? and the Health and Physical Education Center? The basketball arena?"

McGee acknowledged that there is a long way to go. "But we're in the home stretch of raising the funds," he said. "I think over the next several months we'll be able to start construction." Gardner-Webb hopes to unveil a scale model during Alumni Weekend in late spring.

"An interesting thing about the Convocation Center campaign," noted McGee, "is that it has generated several large gifts to other areas of the College, which have been reflected in the larger Bold Dimensions in Higher Education campaign." The Bold Dimensions has a goal of \$10.5 million.

"The whole campaign has been a real community effort," commented McGee. "We've had approximately 700 volunteers involved in the 14 designated areas. With the support we've been given, I think we'll get the \$3.5 million needed for the new building."

### Bold Dimensions In Higher Education Program

Purpose	Program Objective
Annual Operations	\$1,000,000
Support for Teaching Academic Programs, Library	4,000,000
Support for Students	2,000,000
Campus Development	3,500,000

## Special Olympics

This year Special Olympics will again be held in Spangler Stadium on the Gardner-Webb campus on April 26, beginning at 9:30 in the morning. Gardner-Webb has hosted Special Olympics for the mentally retarded in the County since its inception in 1974.

## "Would You Like To Donate Your Room Key Deposit?"

The Student Government Association (SGA) of Gardner-Webb College is very much involved in the current college campaign to raise \$3.5 million for the new Convocation Center.

SGA is coordinating a campaign to raise \$5,000 from the students

currently on campus. "We wish to show our support to the administration's efforts and help give the campaign a further thrust," said Fred Glennon, vice president of SGA.

"The whole month of February SGA Senators are canvassing the dormitories to solicit pledges from

students," noted Glennon. "In addition, we mailed out about 500 pledge cards to day and evening students who do not live on campus. We enclosed a return envelope for them."

The pledge cards are to be returned to Jerry McGee's office, assistant to the president, who is campaign director. Students are given receipts for cash, which is also turned over to McGee's office.

In an effort to help both the student and the contributions, Glennon said that students were being given an opportunity to simply donate their dormitory room key deposit of \$5.

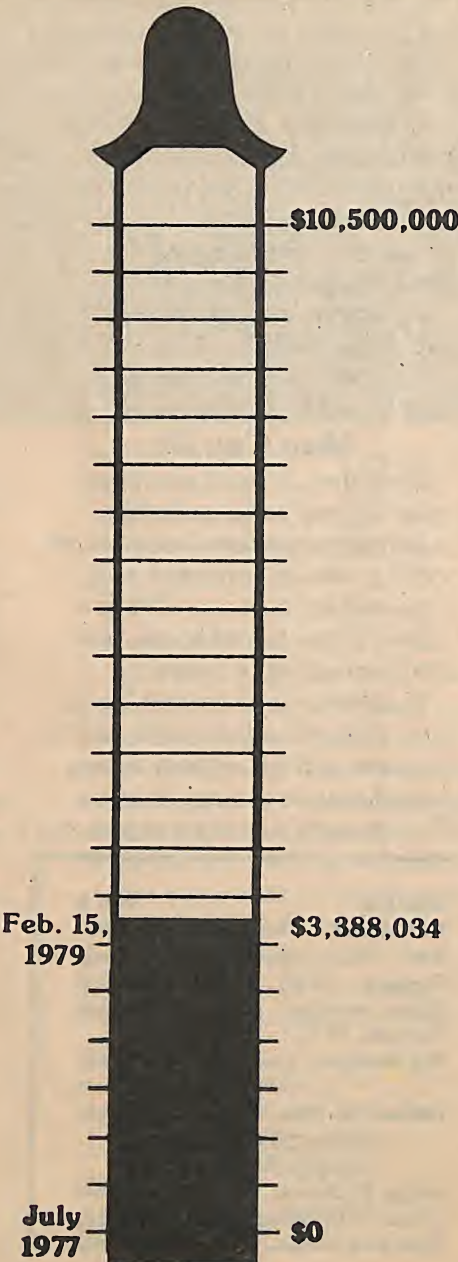
The Officers of SGA are coordinating the effort and designating areas for the 35 campus senators to canvass.

The campaign ends February 28. "I'm optimistic that we'll meet our \$5,000 goal," said Glennon. "We seem to be getting good student support."

The new Convocation Center, which the administration hopes to break ground for in late spring, will house a new intercollegiate gymnasium, a theater for the fine and performing arts and classrooms for health and education courses.



The art and sculpture class of Dr. Jim Rash was running low on art supplies, so they prayed to the good Lord to send them some. Their prayers were answered—in the form of snow. Up to seven inches fell on the campus. As a class project, the students sculptured a bulldog, the Gardner-Webb mascot; a seal and a pig.





# President's Corner



In the quiet of my study and in the humdrum of my office, I am often reminded that those of us at Gardner-Webb College are constantly dealing in futures. Now, dealing in futures is a risky business, especially when concerns of the present must also be accommodated, and it is especially risky with today's crop of college and university students who, for good reason, are astonishingly different from their predecessors. These are the first human beings to be reared entirely by three parents—mom and dad and the third parent, television. Mom and dad taught them their special things, and television taught them its special thing: to think world. From the very beginning of their lives, today's college students were taught to think, not just about my community, or my state, or even my country. They have been thinking world ever since they were born, and just look what has happened in the world since they were born. When today's college seniors were:

Less than one year, Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba;

Four years old, John Kennedy was assassinated;

Ten years old, Neil Armstrong took his walk on the moon.

## Man Can Do

Since then, in rapid succession, have followed racial ambushes, political assassinations, international sniping, national corruption, and computerized romances. This generation thinks, indeed knows, man can do anything he wants.

In astronomy the student learns how infinitesimal is the earth and its universe, and the universe among the galaxies. In geology he learns that the earth is so old it staggers the

imagination. In chemistry he learns how to perform miracles. In mathematics he plots a trip to the moon, and in physics he makes it possible. Yet, despite all these thrilling things we have decided that these achievements are not enough. There must be something more, a greater, grander mission.

Every generation of Americans has had its own great mission, its own great work to perform for its present as it simultaneously prepared for its future. In the 18th century the mission was to found the nation. In the 19th century it was conquering the wilderness and settling the land. We come in our time to defining what our great task is. Many of us feel that the task of our generation is to make this highly technological, highly progressive, highly industrialized society of ours a livable, lovable society for all.

We live today in an age when forces never before known cease not day or night to attempt to destroy the framework of our world. Our generation is trying to politic its way to happiness, war its way to peace, spend its way to prosperity, and pay its way to heaven. Latent militarism denies the existence of Almighty God. Radical extremists of the left and right distort truth in any form. Radio and television yelp and babble the clock around to persuade us that our salvation lies in buying one more dreary gadget which will make us either the last word in glamor or the first word in deodorized popularity. It is to this kind of world that our church must witness to day and tomorrow. I believe that a college like Gardner-Webb offers the church its best means of witnessing. How do we combat these conditions? It is my belief that if the problems of society are the problems of people, then the solutions for society are solutions which involve people.

## Problems We Face

Just look at the people problems we must face:

1. How can we maintain technological progress without losing sight of aesthetic values?

2. Will we be able to keep human values alive in our machine-filled world?

3. How can we enhance employment opportunities for young people within the context of the liberal arts?

4. Will we be able to maintain our high standard of living and avoid depressions?

5. Will we find a cure for cancer, arthritis, and the common cold?

Everyone, it seems, from the impoverished but aspiring black to the mother who wants her children to be emotionally healthy sees colleges like ours as deliverer today.

But you know this task which we have undertaken is not so high and lofty and complicated. Indeed, it is fundamentally a very elementary

kind of task, a task which in the final analysis deals only with a matured version of those first awkward questions asked by the young child as he rushes into the kitchen or the family room and tugs on an apron or a coattail and says:

1. Daddy, where did I come from?  
2. Mommy, what makes a star twinkle?

3. Who is God?

4. Why is blood red?

5. Why does the sun set?

6. Why are some people poor?

7. Why is Johnny mean and Sarah so sweet?

In the final analysis, you see, all we are doing at Gardner-Webb on the collegiate level, within the context of the Christian faith, is dealing with the very fundamental childlike questions which have plagued humanity from the very beginning. And the responsibility we have to deal with those questions takes on a special dimension as a result of our relationship to the church.

But there is more, one thing more, and a very important thing it is. This can perhaps best be illustrated by reference to a situation at Gardner-Webb. On May 6, 1905, the congregation of Boiling Springs Baptist Church voted to offer "the old church house and two acres of land" for the establishment of a denominational school in the area. I think it is quite significant that the Boiling Springs Baptist Church voted to contribute not only the two acres of land, but also the old church house. That suggests to me very clearly that our purpose at Gardner-Webb is not only to provide a first rate educational program on that two acres of land, but also to provide

that educational program within the context of the values for which the church stands. In other words, our program is to reflect the ideals and the faith which had previously been expressed worshipfully within that old church house.

In addressing these questions, we must deal not only with facts, and figures, and information, but also with outlooks on life. We must make people aware of the meaning of life and creation, not just the statistics of life. We must recognize and readily point out that there is more than the human dimension in education; there is the divine.

What is the use of studying botany and knowing the secrets of plants and flowers unless one pushes on beyond the "flower in the crannied wall" to that flower's meaning in God. What is the use in studying astronomy and mastering the secret of the orderly serenity of the stars unless one sees that "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handiwork." What is the use in studying history and mastering the long story of humanities struggle to be free from tyrants and cruel forces without seeing that "God's truth is marching on?" The curriculum of Gardner-Webb College must start with facts, but end with meanings. It must begin with things that are seen, and end with the eternal, which neither eye have seen nor ear heard.

This is the task of Gardner-Webb College. We do not always do it right, but our intentions are always proper. We do not always do it quickly, but our procedures are sound. We are not always successful, but our perseverance never lags.

## G-W Chorus Performances

April 6 (Fri.)	Phillipi Baptist Church at Union, S.C. at 7:30 p.m. Chamber Chorus
April 8 (Sun.)	Southside Baptist Church at Lake City, Fla. at 11 a.m. First Baptist Church at Auberdale, Fla. at 7 p.m. Chamber Chorus
April 9 (Mon.)	Ebenezer Lutheran Church at Pierson, Fla. at 7:30 p.m. (This is the second oldest Lutheran church in Fla.) Chamber Chorus
April 10 (Tues.)	Island View Baptist Church at Gastonia, N.C. at 7 p.m. Chamber Chorus
April 11 (Wed.)	South Marietta Baptist Church at Gastonia, N.C. at 7 p.m. Chamber Chorus
April 21 (Sat.)	Asheville Civic Center with Asheville symphony orchestra. All Gardner-Webb Choral organizations combined with Western Carolina University Choruses and the Asheville Symphony Chorus College Chorus
April 22 (Sun.)	Woodland Baptist Church, Clyde, N.C. at 11 a.m. College Chorus
	Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C., with Asheville Symphony Orchestra at 3:00 p.m. All Gardner-Webb Choral organizations combined with Asheville Symphony Orchestra.
	First Baptist Church, Bryson, N.C. at 7:15 p.m.
April 29 (Sun.)	Brown Auditorium, Shelby, N.C. at 3:00 p.m. All Gardner-Webb Choral organizations and the Asheville Symphony Chorus.

The Chamber Chorus Home Concert is April 17.

The College Chorus Home Concert is April 23.

All of these are in Dover Chapel at 8:00 p.m. on the Gardner-Webb campus.

The Gardner-Webb Band Concert is April 24.

The Gardner-Webb Orchestra Concert is May 3.

Both are in the O.M.G. lounge at 8:00 p.m.

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## SGA Reassesses Goals

The North Carolina Baptist Colleges held their first annual conference for student government at Camp Caraway the last week of January.

Randy Kilby, president of the student government association of Gardner-Webb College, planned and coordinated the meeting. He was assisted by Dr. Robert Mullinax, executive secretary of the Council of Christian Higher Education. Also assisting Kilby was Charles Frederick, SGA president of Campbell College.

"Baptist colleges have some common problems," assured Kilby. "The goal of these conferences, which we hope to make an annual affair, is to help give direction to student government associations. The conferences help us to reassess our goals and progress during mid-year and to look objectively at problem areas. It definitely helped us establish a bond among the seven Baptist colleges in the state, yet keep our individual identities," noted Kilby.

"This year, we exchanged ideas on a number of topics—entertainment and judicial procedures, student publications, students rights, communication and general campus participation and involvement in student government."

The executive councils of each of the seven Baptist colleges were invited: the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, student center board chairman and advisor.

Kilby noted that the attendance was excellent. All seven of North Carolina's Baptist Colleges were represented at the SGA Conference: Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Meredith, Mars Hill, Wingate, Campbell and Wake Forest.

## "I Can't Say 'Can't!'"

The words "can't" and "won't" just aren't in Eva Whittington's vocabulary. Last March Eva was in an automobile accident that left her permanently paralyzed.

Less than a year later, Eva overcame all the psychological and physical adjustments she had to make over sometimes overwhelming odds. Now she is enrolled as a full-time student at Gardner-Webb College and has taken up swimming.



At eighteen, Eva is determined to overcome her handicap as much as possible and says that, by summer, she's determined to be walking again, but this time with the help of leg braces and crutches; she will not be confined just to her wheelchair. Eva has found a lifeguard at Gardner-Webb, Bud Goude, who has volunteered to teach her to swim. "Paralyzed limbs float," Eva points out. "Though it won't help my legs, swimming will be good for the upper part of my body."

The attractive blond, green-eyed freshman from Concord came to Gardner-Webb with quite an impressive record, and she has continued in that tradition, despite her handicap. On weekends she continues to go back to her hometown and coach basketball for a team of girls, ages 9 to 12. She also has plans to pick up where she left off with employment in the ladies' department at Zayre's in Kannapolis.

Eva works 12 hours a week in the Gardner-Webb library. "But I'm trying not to get too involved in too many activities," she says. "I want to keep my grades up." Eva is planning to teach music in high school when she graduates.

At Central Cabarrus High School, before her accident, Eva was a cheerleader, in the choir, on the student council, vice president of her senior class, a school bus driver, on the high school basketball team, in the national honor society, coached a girls' basketball team, taught a girls' cheerleading class and worked part-time at Zayre's.

After her accident, she was in the hospital for four months. "When the doctor first told me I'd never walk again, I hated him. I thought, 'God would never do this to me.'"

"It was hard for me to accept for awhile, and then I remembered a prayer I had a week before I had my accident. I had prayed that the Lord would use me in some way. I felt a call. I told Him that I was ready to do His will for my life, no matter what. Now I feel that perhaps I can

ing the remaining hospital bills. In addition, her wheelchair cost \$750 and her back brace \$500. An organization called the Foresters will raise money for her leg braces and physical therapy, which will cost an estimated \$3,500.

Eva is already involved in daily exercises to help her body. In addition to the swimming which she has taken up, Eva lifts light weights and has to stand each day on her paralyzed legs for about 30 minutes. She explains that, once she starts learning to walk, she will have to adjust her body to standing for longer periods of time without getting the nausea she now feels. But she says she is determined to be able to walk a little.

Her determination and undaunted spirit have had an effect on her friends and many acquaintances at



be used to help other people see that they can overcome a handicap and go on leading a fruitful, useful life."

At first, Eva had a hard time getting the help she needed to attend College. She couldn't draw disability because she was able to work, and at first she was told that the store where she had worked wasn't equipped to hire the handicap. The department store, however, made arrangements for her to come back to work after some pressure. Congressman Bill Hefner, Eva says, helped her obtain some funds from the government. But Vocational Rehabilitation still only pays about a fifth of her college costs. She has a loan from Gardner-Webb. Eva hopes that she'll be able to get a BEOG grant from the State of North Carolina next fall.

Eva explains that her parents couldn't help her with college, because they are still saddled with pay-

Gardner-Webb. Yet Eva gives her friends, especially ones like Keith Flippin from her hometown and also a student at Gardner-Webb, the credit for her spirit.

"My friends really pulled me through this. I had visitors in the hospital the whole time. And God pulled me through it. He made me want to be happy. The doctors at rehab thought I hadn't accepted my accident because I was such a happy person, but I have accepted it. God made me feel that I have a purpose.

"I'm trying to be an example of what you can do if you don't give up. I matured a lot when I was in the hospital. I can understand people who don't feel accepted for what they are.

"What I really like is for people to go home and tell their parents. 'I met a neat girl at Gardner-Webb' and forget to tell them that I'm in a wheelchair. And some have done that. That makes me feel good."



# Say "Hello" To Hawaii

The Alumni Office of Gardner-Webb College is offering alumni, faculty, students and friends of the college a chance to go to Hawaii at reduced rates.

"This is an opportunity," Baucom said, "for people to see all eight of the Hawaiian islands if they'd like. We'll spend seven nights in Honolulu, so there will be plenty of opportunity for those on the tour to really explore the many facets of Hawaii, points of interest and shops."

Baucom explained that Honolulu, located on the island of Oahu, still remains the focal point of exotic nightlife and fine shopping. "The hotels where we'll be staying are in Honolulu and on or near the fabulous Waikiki Beach," he pointed out.

"I'm particularly looking forward to visiting Iolani Palace and Pearl Harbor on Oahu and seeing the exotic flowers of 'the Big Island' of Hawaii, which they call the 'Orchid Isle.' I understand, too, that their golfing and tennis facilities are exceptionally fine and they have plenty of them. I'm really looking forward to this trip."

Baucom became executive secretary of the alumni office last fall and this will be his first tour with alumni and friends of the college.

Anyone interested in the trip should contact the alumni office at Gardner-Webb at 434-2361, or complete the registration blank and mail it.

## Alumni Awards

The Gardner-Webb College Alumni Association annually presents awards to alumni who have distinguished themselves throughout the year for service to the community and Gardner-Webb College. Nominations for this year's awards are now being solicited from alumni by a special committee of the Alumni Associations Board of Directors. Please use the form below for submitting nominations of those who meet this special recognition.

### Service to Denomination and Church

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

### Service to Community

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

### Service to Gardner-Webb College

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary)

### Alumnus of the Year

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation/Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

(Please explain fully, attaching separate sheets if necessary. This award recognizes an alumnus who has distinguished himself or herself by service to community, profession and Gardner-Webb College.)

Nominated by: Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Note prices \$589, \$559, \$629.00 are per person, based on double occupancy.

### Hawaii OTC Reservation Form-Gardner-Webb College

Yes, I want to go to Hawaii this summer. This is my application to become a tour participant. (\$100.00 required)

I want to depart from Charlotte, N.C. on the following departure date: June 26, 1979.

I prefer the following accommodations:

- ( ) The \$589.00 package with 7 nights at the Sheraton Surfrider.  
( ) The \$559.00 package with 7 nights at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani.  
( ) I desire double-room occupancy: my roommate's name is \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) I desire single room occupancy for which I am willing to pay supplemental charges of \$170.00.  
( ) I desire triple room occupancy (consisting of 2 twins and one rollaway) at no discount \_\_\_\_\_  
(If child, give age at time of tour)

On the plane, I prefer the following section:

- ( ) smoking ( ) non-smoking

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Telephone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
Office Phone (Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_ My Signature \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: OTC (One-Stop Inclusive Tour Charter) rules require separate application for each person with signature, parent or guardian may sign for child. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required at this time. Make checks payable to the Northwestern Bank/WWT Escrow Account. Forward check and completed application form(s) immediately to: Wilcox World Tours, P.O. Box 7527, Asheville, N.C. 28807. Hotel preferences and plane seating arrangements are offered on first come first serve basis, processed by computer upon receipt.



# Guiding My Light



"What is a Baptist?" "What does a Baptist believe?" These are two of the three big questions on Katie Hatcher's mind. Katie is an intern in campus ministry at Gardner-Webb College. These questions plague Katie not because she doesn't know what **she** believes or what **she** is, but what the Baptists at Gardner-Webb perceive what a Baptist is. Katie believes the churches have a great responsibility to teach doctrine.

There is another thing that Katie is working to overcome in her work. The image of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) as a cliquish group. "The BSU is really or should be an all-encompassing group," Katie expounds. "It is the umbrella under which comes every religious organization on campus. The BSU has to be for **all** people on the campus, not just for a few that happen to have their names on the BSU roles. Rev. (Buddy) Freeman and I are working this year to open up the BSU to all students of every denomination and race," says Katie. "We're concerned, for instance, that there seems to be so much separation of the races at Gardner-Webb."

## Breaking The Barriers

"We're working to break down the racial and social barriers separating our students. We're seeking more blacks in BSU leadership. The problem in having the black BSU officers right now is there seems to be so little interest in BSU on the part of blacks."

"We're working to solve this problem of cliquishness and segregation. I think we've made some progress," expresses Katie.

As an intern in campus ministry, Katie leads the Baptist Student Union on campus under the tutelage of the Rev. Buddy Freeman, campus minister. She also does informal counseling. "She's best at a one-on-one relationship," says Jeff Wylie, president of the BSU. "I think her counseling ability has strengthened the BSU."

Katie tries to divide her time about

equally between her office and being out on campus. "You can hide in your office and always find a lot to do, but I think it's just as important to be out among the students on campus, observing and being part of the scene," Katie expounds. "I try to be available and visible to all students on campus."

Students seek out Katie at all times of the day and night. "I live in a trailer beside Nanney dorm, so I'm available. I have students with me about all times. I feel good about that. Some come to me late at night and say, 'I hate to bother you.' But I don't find it a bother because of the lifestyle I'm leading."

"I guess I'm young enough to be accepted as a student, which I am in fact at Southeastern Seminary, and yet mature enough to be of some help. You have to learn how to listen. Most often students just need someone to listen to them. I can still fit into that roommate image, yet I have time to sit down and listen. I believe a lot of the solutions to our problems come within ourselves. I don't pretend to have all the answers, because I don't. So many who come to me with problems and depressions find that the answer is within themselves, once we both sit down and listen."

Katie sees the greatest needs of the student as that of good fellowship. She has plans that the BSU will have more things on campus where students can come and talk and fellowship with fellow students and even with faculty and staff.

## Where Do I Go From Here?

The other question that pervades Katie's thoughts is what she'll do with her Master's degree from Southeastern Seminary once she finishes her internship and graduates. "I'd like to have a permanent job just like I have now. And, believe me, if there were such a job at Gardner-Webb, I'd rush to get in my resume. I chose Gardner-Webb to do my internship over Wake Forest University, Appalachian and Western Carolina. I'd visited here once before and was impressed. And I met a lot of graduates from Gardner-Webb at Southeastern Seminary, and I was impressed with them as people and the kind of students they were. I was impressed with the Rev. Buddy Freeman and his openness in my interview with him."

"Gardner-Webb is getting a service from me, but I really am enjoying my work here. It's like home to me. I wish I could stay. There is a spirit that pervades here that is quite unlike any other college campus. I have found a welcome here among the students and an acceptance. I wish I could stay."

## Changing The World At Age 19



Benny Mossburg Fagan is the kind of college sophomore who doesn't get lost in the crowd. A mature nineteen year old, he stands 6 feet tall and weighs 230 pounds. But the most remarkable quality of the Benny Fagan personality is his having been elected to the post of magistrate at the age of 18. As such, he is the youngest magistrate in South Carolina's history.

From district 12, he is one of 13 magistrates in Spartanburg county.

He attends Gardner-Webb College, about 14 miles from his hometown of Chesnee, S.C. He has an office in Chesnee and two or three nights a week he works on a rotating bases at the Spartanburg County Courthouse. "Of course, I'm on call 24-hours a day," Fagan points out.

As a magistrate, Benny handles misdemeanors: family squabbles, assault, drunkenness, traffic violations and so on. "I've seen a lot of things since I've been magistrate that I didn't even know existed before," says the nineteen-year-old magistrate. "I try to help the people solve their problems. At first, I had some difficulty in coming to grips with the realities of some of the cases I handled. I had to learn to look at an argument from both sides. I enjoy my work and wouldn't take anything for the experience I've gained," Fagan says.

What is he studying at Gardner-Webb? "Political science," he says. "What else? I'd like to go to law

school and become an attorney. Eventually, I'd like to be a judge, maybe even a legislator or senator. I've seen a lot of things wrong in the world," Fagan notes. "I'd like to be able to change some of those things. There are a lot of inequities in life and a few things I'd like to see changed on the law books."

Benny plans to go to law school at the University of South Carolina, once he graduates with his B.S. degree from Gardner-Webb. "Coming to Gardner-Webb has been great for me," he offers. "It's helped me to learn to make my own decisions and from more than just a subjective point of view. I'm taking the criminology course at Gardner-Webb and, of course, my job as magistrate helps me with the school work. I know what it is to deal with various kinds of people and situations."

"I don't think of this job as **just** a job," Fagan points out. "It is teaching me a lot. With the course work I have, I'm able to see the socioeconomic basis for the misdemeanors I handle every day."

What are some of the things he sees wrong with our system he'd like to change? "We need to control spending in election campaigns and minimize the cost of elections somehow," Fagan thinks. "Most people don't realize it, but magistrates handle about 81 percent of all judicial cases heard in South Carolina. There's no way for a person to make a living being a magistrate. Consequently, magistrates for the most part aren't in the law profession. Most come from all walks of life, from barbers to people like myself, who do know something more about law."

## Only A Week's Training

Benny points out that magistrates do have a week-long training school in Columbia. For him, it wasn't enough. Fagan decided before he was commissioned last March to spend six months with his uncle, an attorney, studying law and its interpretation. He started this right after his election, not waiting for the magistrate's school held two months later.

"I want to help people during my lifetime. I want to run for the senate or house of representatives, but I'm not interested in the power as such. I would like to do something about corruption in government and politics. Politicians are not corrupt; the system is corrupt. I believe if the system can be changed," says Fagan, "the judicial rules can be followed as they were meant to be."

Benny was elected to fill an unexpired four-year term as magistrate. His present term expires at the end of 1981. Asked if he planned to run again, Benny said, "Probably, unless I decide to run for a higher political office."

Benny is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Burwell Fagan of Chesnee, S.C.



# Alumni Day Activities

## Saturday, April 21

9:30-6:15 p.m.

Registration—Charles I. Dover Student Center

9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Golf Outing—Captains Choice Tournament—

Check in at 9:00 a.m. (\$10.00 includes green fees and cart)  
Riverbend Golf Club, Hwy. 150 between Shelby and Boiling Springs.

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Tennis Tournament, Doubles Only—Partners assigned.

Play at campus courts (no charge).

10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Bridge—Charles I. Dover Student Center (no charge).

12:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Casual Lunch with entertainment, Bulldog Dining Room

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Class Reunions

Class of '78—Bulldog Room

Class of '74—Library Seminar Room

Class of '69—O. Max Gardner Building

Class of '54—Stroup Dormitory Lobby

Golden Years Classes honoring Class of '29

President's Home—Riverbend Acres, Shelby

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Psychology Majors Reunion—CID-113

All Religion Majors Reunion—CID Lounge

6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

Alumni Banquet—Charles I. Dover Student Center Dining Room



## Spring Sports Review

by Randy Alexander, SID

The spring sports season is just around the bend and with the teams already practicing, the Bulldogs chances of placing high in the district look promising.

The golf team, coached by Dr. Garland Allen, gets its program into swing on March 5-6 when the Bulldogs travel down to North Myrtle Beach to participate in the Coastal Carolina Tournament.

Senior All-American Steve Sherman returns to the squad after being ineligible during his junior year. Without the Shelby All-American the Bulldogs placed 6th in the national tournament in 1978. With Sherman the Bulldogs won the national tournament in 1977.

All-American Wayne Myers, from Hamptonville, N.C., returns for his senior year off the 1978 squad and coach Allen feels that his two All-Americans give the Bulldogs an excellent chance to win the NAIA National Title again. "I think that the winner of the District 26 Tournament has an excellent change of winning the National Tournament," Allen says. "Our district is very strong and it will be a toss up between Gardner-Webb, Guilford, and Elon as to which team will represent us in the National Tournament."

On Thursday, March 1, the baseball team travels to USC-Aiken for a double-header to start off the 1979 baseball season. Also on the Bulldog schedule are teams like Duke, Furman, High Point, and Cal State.

Head coach Jerry Bryson is looking forward to the season and he commented, "I think the key to being successful this season will be the improvement of our pitching staff. There was not much depth in our pitching staff last year but we have it this year."

The 'Dogs' of the diamond are led this year by seniors Dennis Stilley and Martin Rivens. Due to injury last year, Stilley did not play, but was the number one pitcher for the Bulldogs two years ago. Now he should provide the leadership necessary to the pitching staff. Rivens, who made All-District two years ago and All-State last year, returns to his leadership role in the outfield.

The tennis team, coached by Jim Taylor, got their season under way early this year as they played host to the University of West Virginia on Saturday, February 24. The netmen have a demanding schedule ahead of them with teams like W. Va., Limestone, Davidson, St. Lawrence University, Western Carolina University, UNC-Charlotte, and California State, Pa. Included in the schedule is a six-day road trip to Baptist College, the College of Charleston, Georgia Southwestern, and Georgia Southern.

The team will be led by senior Glenn Phillips from Siler City, N.C.; and junior Randall Trogon from Asheboro, N.C. These two split time at the numbers 1 and 2 positions last year and will be counted on to do the same this season. They also will combine to make up the number one doubles spot.

Playing behind Phillips and Trogon will be David Seagroves from Shelby, Gary Latimer from Waynesville, Dean Helton from Sherrills Ford, Iving Sistrunk from Wilmington, Bill Parker from Honea Path, and Chuck Burch from Charlotte.

## Plan Now To Attend

**RESERVATIONS—Please return to Alumni Office, Gardner-Webb (unless you have already sent in reservations)**

I will attend the Alumni Banquet. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places.

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$4/per person.) Please mail tickets to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I will also take part in the following activities:

\_\_\_\_\_ Golf Outing (approx. handicap \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis Tournament

\_\_\_\_\_ Bridge

\_\_\_\_\_ Informal Luncheon

### REUNIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Years (Classes of '05-29)

\_\_\_\_\_ Class of '78

\_\_\_\_\_ Class of '69

\_\_\_\_\_ Psychology Majors

\_\_\_\_\_ Class of '74

\_\_\_\_\_ Class of '54

\_\_\_\_\_ Religion Majors



# Collecting The 100,000th



**Presentation of 100,000th volume at Gardner-Webb.**

(L. to R.) Dean Knott, Mrs. Charles I. Dover, Ms. Jeannette Woodward, President Craven Williams, Mr. Dover.

Gardner-Webb College celebrated the acquisition of the 100,000th volume for the John R. Dover Library on campus.

The celebration and reception took place in the Library January 15. Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Dover presented the 100,000th volume in behalf of his brother, the former John R. Dover, Jr. and in memory of Mr. Dover's father, for whom the library is named.

"I am fully confident that the John R. Dover Library will continue to grow in both size and sophistication under the direction of our new library director, Ms. Jeannette Woodward," said Dr. Craven E. Williams, president of Gardner-Webb. "How appropriate it was for Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Dover to be the ones to

present this important 100,000th volume to us."

Ms. Woodward noted that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, as well as other organizations and professional library associations, have established the 100,000 volume collection as a benchmark. "It separates a merely adequate liberal arts college library collection from an outstanding collection," she said. "Among colleges, going over 100,000 volumes is truly a magic milestone which merits formal and public acknowledgement."

## Planning The Future

Jonathan G. Gullick, a retired financial executive from Belmont, N.C., has recently been elected Chairman of the Planned Gifts Advisory Council at Gardner-Webb College, according to college president Dr. Craven E. Williams.

The council, which has only recently been established at the college, will assist the development office in operating an effective estate planning program.

Gullick received his undergraduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill. Following graduation, he then completed his graduate work in finance at Columbia University in New York and for nineteen years served as president of Interstate Securities Corporation of Charlotte, a public mutual Investment Company. Gullick also served as president of Sterling Investment Fund, Inc.

Other members of the council are: Charles Patterson, Greensboro; William Redman, Statesville; Horace Carter, Shelby; Joe Mauney, Shelby; Marion McMillan, Spartanburg; Jerry Walker, Boiling Springs; Dorothy Austell, Raleigh; J. Robert Johnson, Jr., Winston-Salem; Wayne Cobb, Shelby; Julian W. Hamrick, Shelby; and Haywood C. Sellers, Charlotte.



(L. to R.) The Rev. Kenneth Lida, Ken, Kim and Dr. Williams.

## The Deaf Need Not Be Lonely

The Rev. Kenneth Lida used to have trouble with one of his children. At age 6, he'd leave his boy Kenny at school and the boy would run out the back and meet his dad back at the car again. You have to understand that Kenny was deaf and couldn't understand why he could only spend two days a week—the weekend—living with his parents. The rest of the time he had to live away from his parents at the South Carolina School for the Deaf in Spartanburg, S.C., about 70 miles from his parents in Pelzer.

"Little children, especially the deaf, don't understand abstract words like 'love,' 'wait,' 'maybe,' 'patience.' A child doesn't understand why the parents take him away from home and leave him there with nothing but a suitcase. It's hard," recalled Ken, Sr.

Today, Kenny is 20 years old. He, his father and his sister Kim, also deaf, are students at Gardner-Webb College. Kenny is a freshman, Kim is a sophomore and Ken, Sr., will soon be graduating. "Now I'm here at Gardner-Webb with my son and daughter," says the father.

"About ten years ago, all seven of us were attending school somewhere. All are children were in school and my wife and myself were in college," Ken, Sr., says. There are five children in the Lida family, now living in Monroe, N.C., where Ken, Sr. is pastor of Benton Height Baptist Church. Altogether, he has been a pastor for 12 years.

Kim and Ken were struck with the German measles at the ages of two and one, but it wasn't until they were five and four that the doctors discovered they were deaf. At that time Ken was in the service and the base doctors diagnosed the reason for the fever in the children wrongly. By the time he took the children to a civilian doctor for another opinion, the damage from the high temperature was already done. "Back then there was no vaccine for German measles," recalls Ken sadly. "It was developed two or three years later."

By the time Kim was six, the doctors discovered that she could hear about 60 to 80 percent with the help of a hearing aid. But Ken was totally deaf. Kim was able to attend public

schools, but Ken didn't have that opportunity to be in the mainstream of life. He later understood, however, why he had to go away to school. None of the other Lida children have hearing impairment.

"I'll be sending two more to Gardner-Webb in a few years," beams Ken, Sr., "if they want to come."

At first Kenny went to Gauledet University in the heart of the ghettos of Washington, D.C. The first day he was there, someone stole all Ken's clothes out of the car while they were in a restaurant. Ken's room was ransacked several times by off-campus people while he was there that first semester. Ken decided to heed his sister and come to Gardner-Webb. Last year, Kim was Gardner-Webb's first deaf student and it was an experimental year for the deaf program at the Baptist liberal arts college.

"We had prayed that there would be a college open for Kim. She had finished with honors from Rock Hill (S.C.) High, and we wanted a good, accredited school with a Christian atmosphere," says the Rev. Lida.

"Not long after we read in the *Baptist Courier* that Gardner-Webb was planning to begin a program for the deaf 1978. I called the president the next day and we finally persuaded him to begin the program with Kim, since she could partially hear. We had taken Kim to a Christian college in Chattanooga, but she didn't like the conservative, strict atmosphere.

"Gardner-Webb is a Christian school supported by Southern Baptists and the spiritual atmosphere is the best. The interest of the administration and faculty toward the program is definitely sincere," notes the Rev. Lida. "You can't fake it for a young deaf person. Gardner-Webb has gone all out with its deaf program. We're pleased that Dr. and Mrs. Potter are here to help Ken and the other deaf students. You have to have people that understand and care about the deaf; otherwise, the deaf won't accept it."

"It's good to have my children on a Christian campus where the abstract concepts of honesty, love and integrity are understood and seen in action."

### For Youth

## Leaving A Legacy

A new scholarship has been established at Gardner-Webb College by the late Clara Katherine Vickers Head of Forest City. Mrs. Head died in January 1978.

According to the stipulations of her will, the scholarship is to be used by the Christian Service Organization for a scholarship for "needy students from Rutherford County who plan to become ministers or missionaries or such other Christian work similar to ministers or missionaries."

The initial endowment was for over \$15,000 with more to be added later. She left all property to Gardner-Webb College, both real and personal. Her husband has the privilege of living in the residence.

The Clara Katherine Vickers Head Scholarship will be made a part of the general endowment of Gardner-Webb and will be included in the college catalog under financial assistance. The scholarship will be available under the restrictions Mrs. Head specified in her will.



## Alumni Update

### Lt. Col. Newton R.N.

**Hardin, '48**, has been promoted to Colonel. He is presently serving as installation Chaplain at George Airforce base in Victorville, Georgia.

**Joe Swing, '48**, has been named new administrative head of the Rutherford County Government. Swing and his wife, Ann, have three sons. The Swings will live in Cliffside, N.C.

**Cecil L. Thompson, '49**, has recently returned from Argentina where he has been serving as Academic Dean, Argentina Foreign Mission, International Baptist Theological Seminary to begin work at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. He will be serving as book editor and coordinator of Theological Textbooks.

**Troy L. Houser, '61'** former news editor at the News Herald in Morganton, has been named managing editor of *The Hickory Daily Record*. The Houser's have two sons.

**Linda Brown Plummer, '62**, is serving as secretary to Director of College Relations and Director of Public Information at Wingate. The couple is living in Wadesboro, N.C.

**Dottie McIntyre, '64**, has been selected for inclusion in the '78 edition of *Personalities of the South*. Dottie is department head for general education at Cleveland County Technical Institute. Dottie lives in Shelby, N.C.

**Donald H. Ross, '67'** has recently joined the North Carolina Farm Bureau as a Resident Claim Representative.

**Nancy Hoyle, '70**, has been named to head the newly established medical department at the Burlington Industries Plant in Rockwood, Tennessee.

**Samuel H. Murphy, '71**, has assumed new pastorate duties at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. The Murphy's are the parents of two children.

**Roy B. Cooper, '75**, has received his Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Roy will be living in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Roger E. Nix, '75**, has been called as the Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

**Robert Plummer, '75**, was recently graduated from Southeastern Seminary and is serving as pastor of the Wade Baptist Church in Wadesboro, N.C.

**Kenneth M. Norris, '76**, has been named manager of the new E.P. McCannon CPA firm in Statesville, N.C.

**Ken Warise, '77**, has been appointed as a Computer Representative of Morrison Services, Incorporated, in Shelby. Ken is living in Shelby.

**Gaylin Wylie, '77**, has finished her work at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has been assigned to work with the Home

Missions Board in Portland, Oregon.

**Ray Martel, '78**, has been named International Accountant with Grolier International, located in Danbury, New Jersey.

**Robin Hall, '78**, had had her music composition published in the national *Alphi Chi Recorder*.

## Marriages

**Deborah Lynn Brower, '74**, to Stephen Gary Wright, December 16. She is employed as a staff nurse at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. He is employed by the maintenance department of the Cleveland County Schools. The couple lives in Waco, N.C.

**William Boggan Cash, '71**, to Novah Ann Wall, December 22. He is employed as a science teacher with the Burke County Schools. She was graduated from Western Carolina University and is a special ed teacher in the Burke County Schools. The couple lives in Morganton, N.C.

**Sabra Ann Clodfelter, '76**, to Donald C. Schroder, December 16. She is a senior at Southwestern Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. The couple lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

**Dorothy Ann Dedmon, '68**, to **Johnny Parker, '70**, January 20. The couple lives in Shelby, N.C.



The annual Alumni Day activities are capped by the awards banquet that evening. Alumni Day this year will be Saturday, April 21. There will be some special events this year concerning the new Convocation Center. Please plan to attend. See page 6 for more details.